



City of Albuquerque

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## **CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL**

**Directing The Administration To Establish An Independent Office Of Neighborhood Coordination.**

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**WHEREAS, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination operates out of the City's Planning Department; and**

**WHEREAS, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination is required by ordinance to work directly and closely with the Office of Council Services and in many cases directly with City Councilors; and**

**WHEREAS, the Council as the legislative body of the City of Albuquerque cannot effectively fulfill its responsibilities to its constituents due to the inability to access the staff of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination as intended in the ordinance; and**

**WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is beneficial for the Office of Neighborhood Coordination to operate independently; and**

**WHEREAS, the Cities of Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; Kansas City, Missouri; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma are among those cities whose neighborhood related offices operate independently of any other city department; and**

**WHEREAS, many issues and complaints have been raised about the Office of Neighborhood Coordination being placed in the Planning Department given that many of the issues neighborhoods face with City government are land use**

related and regulated by the Planning Department.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.**

**Section 1. That the Administration shall create an independent Office of Neighborhood Coordination to ensure that the Office functions with independence and objectivity and provides full and uncensored information directly to the City Council.**

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